



# COUNTY of SUSSEX

## Sussex County Building Department Permit Fee Schedule

**A. Generally.** No permit required by the building code to begin work for new construction or any other building operation shall be issued until the fees prescribed by this section have been paid, nor shall an amendment, for any reason, to a permit be approved until the additional fee has been paid.

**B. Administrative Services.** The fees for administrative services shall be as follows:

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| 1. Permit amendments, renewals, extensions, reinstatement and change of ownership/contract change,  | \$40.00                            |
| 2. If an application for a permit is cancelled by written request to the Building Official within six months of the application date or within twelve months of the issue date, a refund will be granted. The following fee will be deducted from the refund: | 30%                                |
| 3. Public service request/Staff research/FOIA Fee   | Actual Admin Cost/<br>1 hr minimum |

**C. Building Permits.** Building fees shall be as follows:

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| 1. State Levy on all applicable permit fees   | 2.00%             |
| a. Base permit fee  | \$30.00           |
| b. Minimum permit fee   | \$30.00           |
| 2. Re-inspection Fee  | \$50.00           |
| 3. Code Investigation Fee   | \$100.00          |
| 4. New Construction (Residential and Commercial)  | Base fee plus     |
| <u>Residential:</u> All usable areas constructed; includes finished and unfinished; on site built construction, modular homes, manufactured homes, additions, alterations, remodels, decks, porches, garages, sheds, carports, etc. | \$0.12 per sq.ft. |
| <u>Commercial/industrial:</u> All usable areas constructed; includes finished and unfinished; churches, schools, industrialized buildings, etc including patios decks, etc.   |                   |
| 5. Swimming Pools   | \$50.00           |
| 6. Fences around swimming pools and residential fences over 6' in height  | \$40.00           |

7. Commercial Fence (regardless of height)	\$40.00
8. Signs up to 10 sq ft in surface area, 20 sq ft for a double sided sign, the top of the sign being 10' or less from the ground	\$40.00
Signs more than 10 sq ft in surface area, 20 sq ft for a double sided sign, the top of the sign being more than 10' from the ground	\$60.00
9. Demolition or Moved structure	\$50.00
10. Chimney	\$40.00
11. Commercial re-roofing	\$40.00
12. Tents (over 900 square feet)	\$0.00
13. Elevator (Initial and annual re-certification)	\$50.00
14. Retaining Walls (as defined by the Building Code), Towers, Piers, etc	\$40.00
15. Amusement Rides	
a) Kiddie	\$25.00
b) Circular ride or flat less than 20'	\$35.00
c) Spectacular Ride	\$55.00
d) Coaster	\$150.00
16. Commercial Plan Review (New Construction)	\$250.00
17. Commercial Change of Occupancy/Use	\$40.00
18. Appeals	\$0.00

**D. Electrical Permits.**

1. Residential (New Construction)	Base fee plus \$.04 per sq. ft.
2. Electrical Upgrade or relocation of electrical service	\$50.00
3. Temporary Electric Pole (TEP)	\$40.00
4. Early meter release (Not a part of any other inspection)	\$40.00
5. Connections and Outlets (lights etc typically in additions or re-models)	\$40.00
6. Commercial (New Construction)	1% of contract price

**E. Plumbing Permits.**

1. Residential	Base fee plus \$.04 per sq. ft.
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2. Commercial

1% of contract price

**F. Mechanical Permits.**

1. Residential

Base fee plus  
\$.04 per sq. ft.

2. Fuel Storage Tanks, removal or installation (underground or above ground)

\$100.00  
Per tank

3. Gas Piping

\$40.00

4. Generators

\$75.00

5. Commercial

1% of contract price

**G. Fire Suppression.**

1% of contract price